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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In the Application of:

HAJIME YAMAMOTO, et al.

Application No.: 09/132,746

Filed: August 12, 1998

For: FIBROUS MATERIAL,

PRODUCTION PROCESS OF THE

FIBROUS MATERIAL, INK-

ABSORBING MEMBER,

TREATING PROCESS OF THE

INK-ABSORBING MEMBER, INK :

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Examiner: J. Guarriello

Group Art Unit: 1771

December 3, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to further extend the time for taking action in the above-identified application for an additional month, from November 3, 2003 to December 3, 2003.

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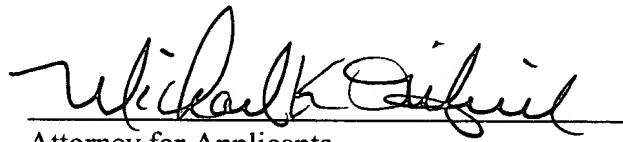
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Submitted herewith is a check for \$530.00 (the difference between the instant third month extension fee of \$950.00 and the second month extension fee of \$420 paid previously) to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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